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Candidate

Bernice Robinson is a mother of four children, homemaker, highschool graduate, 22nd District Leader in the Central Ward for 12 years, member of Central Ward Planning Board for the U.C.C. for 6 years, member/advisor of Fairview Homes Tenant Association for 4 years, Salvation Army Volunteer for 2 years, and former President of Cleveland Elementary School PTA.

I Propose to locate renovated building in the Central Ward to be utilized as a Youth Center for an afterschool program, outreach center for teens in trouble and to provide training in areas such as painting, cooking, office work, etc. Funding to be sought through Federal Community Development Block Grant and/or other grant, loan and foundation sources.

Proposes that new homes located in Central Ward become available to new homeowners through a rent-to-own policy, since many of these homes remain vacant and boarded up. Contract arrangements will be made with property owners and local banking institutions to provide loans, down payments, etc.

The Central Ward is going through a change (A **Rebirth**). This change is bringing about new housing, jobs and businesses. The people of the Central Ward and the City of Newark must be a part of this rebirth. Contractors, builders and merchants must be required to hire 40 to 50% of Newark city residents for these jobs. The men and women qualified for such jobs should have first opportunity at the jobs and those with no experience should be offered On The Job Training.

Jobs increase self-esteem, respectability and self-worth within an individual. By providing jobs for our youth and unemployed men and women, we will increase the level of productive people in our community and help stabilize our local economy.

Proposal to work closely with the Economic Development Department to encourage improvement in business districts, which would impact upon future small businesses in the Central Ward. New and old businesses should be encouraged and actively sought to participate in the Community Development Block Grant program of the City.

With this program stores and businesses in the Central Business Districts have the opportunity to apply for grants or low interest loans to make facade improvements to their business, such as the purchase of awnings and signs. These and other improvements will assist in the influence of businesses to our community and therefore increase growth of our neighborhoods.

Bernice is very much involved with youth and desires a better education for them and more parent involvement in the schools. We must all get involved by being present at City Council meetings to make our voices and concerns public. Letting the administration know that we care and want a change. We want safer streets, more visible police protection, institute more walking patrols, and biker police. The budget must be reviewed to see how viable these proposals are and know that something must be done. Near our schools we need more crossing guards to protect our children. Each of us must go to the police department and city council to fight for a bigger budget which will enable the hiring of more crossing guards. And with the help of you the voter, we can make a difference in our community. So join with me to voice your concerns and **Vote C-24 on May 10th.**

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